

WAITED TEN YEARS TO BECOME A BRIDE.

Etta Mills, Spinster, Sues Dr. F. W. Bowron for Alleged Breach of Promise.

Wooded and Won Her, She Declares, and Then Married Another Woman After All.

DAMAGES OF \$50,000 DEMANDED.

Plaintiff's Story Is That He Asked Her to Wait Until His Mother Died, When He Promised to Make Her His Wife—He Denies He Ever Proposed.

Dr. Francis Watson Bowron, of No. 259 Tompkins avenue, Brooklyn, has been made the defendant in a breach of promise suit for \$50,000 brought by Miss Etta Mills, who lives with a niece on Gates avenue, near Reid. The papers in the case were served last night by the plaintiff's attorney, Rufus L. Perry, on Lawyer Davidson, counsel for Dr. Bowron.

Two weeks ago the physician was married to Miss Georgiana Dietz, daughter of a wealthy lock manufacturer, who lives at No. 152 Hooper street, Williamsburg, and at once installed his young bride at the Tompkins avenue house. Dr. Bowron's mother, now ninety years old, lives with him. He is well-known, and has practiced for twenty-five years in the neighborhood of his present home.

Dr. Bowron is fifty years old, while his bride is said to be but twenty-six years of age, and the plaintiff in the action against him is thirty-four. He was a widower, his first wife dying twelve years ago.

Miss Mills, when seen, declared that she had been shamefully treated by the doctor. After his wife had been dead two years, Miss Mills said, Dr. Bowron called at her father's house and in his presence placed his hand on her shoulder and told them how much he loved her.

"El," she declares he said, "you are the only girl I ever loved outside of my dead wife, and I want you to promise to be my wife. I don't want to marry, however, until after my mother dies."

Miss Mills says she believed the doctor to be sincere, and told him she would wait for him. From that time she says, he called regularly and was a devoted lover. He was always telling of how much he loved her, and she believed him. He gave her, she says, a pair of earrings and other articles of jewelry.

After seven years of courtship, she says, she discovered that a married woman was calling at his office and she says she followed the woman about until she made her acquaintance. When the doctor learned this, she says, he spoke to him about it and he became angry and forbade her having anything to do with the woman, declaring that she was not proper company.

"I told him if she was not a proper person for me, she could not be for him. He said nothing further on this subject."

Miss Mills says she kept watching him after that, but found nothing. Recently she began to prepare herself with clothing, view of the pledge between them, expecting, she said, that almost any day the doctor would ask to lead her to the altar, rather than "die," her father in February last, since his death, she says, she has a serious disagreement, although he continued to call regularly, and still declared his love for her.

"He told me," said Miss Mills, "that it was cruel of me to think otherwise of him. I believed everything he said."

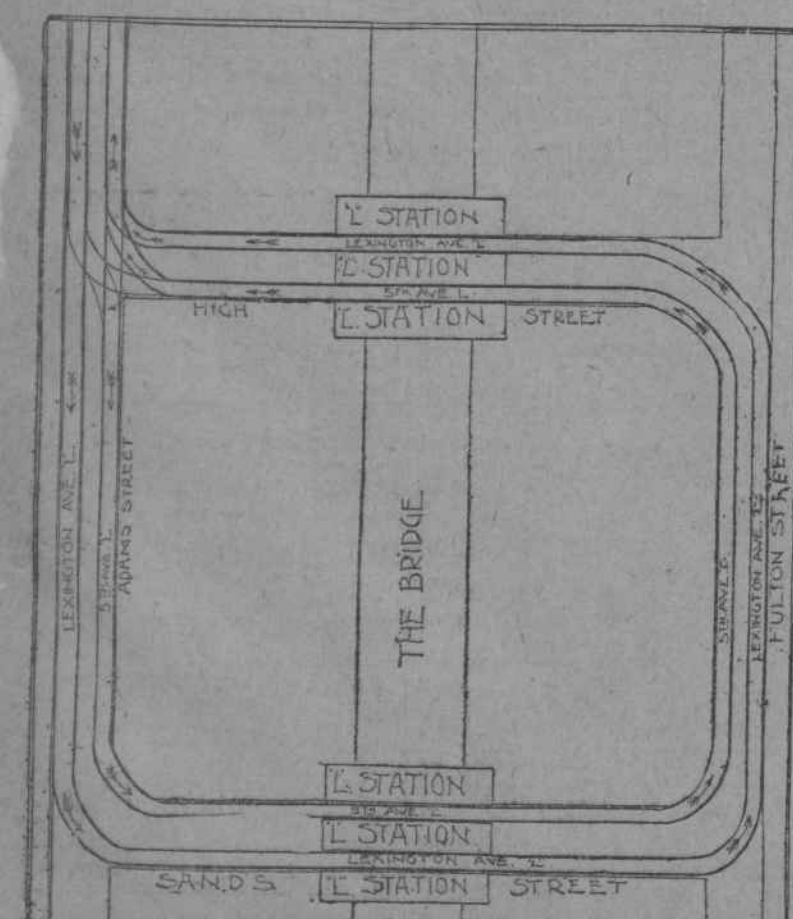
Miss Mills said that she learned only recently that the doctor was going to marry Miss Dietz, and when she asked him about it he admitted it, although he declared that his love for her was just as great as ever.

The young woman alleges that the doctor gave her the reason for marrying Miss Dietz that she was rich and that at some future day they would enjoy the money. "I have since learned," she said, "that his reason for not keeping his promise was that he said I had consumption, but that is not so. Yes, and he says the suit is only one of blackmail. That's not so, and he will find that I will fight it to the bitter end, if he never intended marrying me, why didn't he say so ten years ago, when I was young?"

Dr. Bowron was seen at his home yesterday. He declared that all he knew about Miss Mills was that he had treated her professionally, and knew the family for years. He denied that he had ever said he would marry her, and declared that she must be crazy to say such a thing. Dr. Bowron denied having given Miss Mills a present, but said his sister had at one time presented her with an album. He said he knew that papers had been served on his lawyer in a suit, but didn't know the amount. He said that it was nothing less than an attempt at blackmail, and declared that he would fight the case to the end.

"Why," he said, "she tells her own fortune three or four times a day, and also goes to clairvoyants, and she may have read of a dark woman and a blind man, and is crazy enough to believe that I was going to marry her."

Woodside's New Church Dedicated. Woodside, L. I., June 14.—St. Sebastian's Roman Catholic Church was dedicated today, Bishop McDonnell officiating. Rev. L. J. Smith was deacon and Father McGowan subdeacon. Rev. E. M. Gannon, the pastor, celebrated solemn high mass.



Plan of the New Loop at the Brooklyn "L" Terminus.

NOW THE BANK IS IN IT.

Row in Trinity Episcopal Church Extends to a Savings Institution.

The trouble which began in the Trinity Episcopal Church, in the Twenty-sixth Ward, Brooklyn, is spreading. It has involved a musical organization and brought discord into the Board of Trustees of the East New York Savings Bank. A number of the trustees are members of the church, and took sides in the controversy.

F. C. Colyer, head of what is called the Colyer faction, attended the bank directors' meeting recently. His presence was indirectly objected to by President F. W. Midland.

"If you refer to me," said Mr. Colyer, "I refuse to leave." Mr. Colyer has been a trustee of the bank nearly thirty years. F. C. Hart, it is said, walked out because Mr. Colyer insisted upon remaining. Director Palmer said Mr. Colyer should be recognized and allowed to take part in the meeting, but he should not remain unless duly recognized. He was not recognized, and, as he would not move, the meeting was adjourned for a month.

It was noticed while the meeting was in progress that trustees who had been colleagues for years refused to speak to each other.

After the adjournment the two factions met separately. Eight trustees attended each caucus. Dr. A. A. Wemmell, Mr.



1st Lieut. L. B. Smith

Colyer, J. W. Miles, Washington Colyer, L. Camm, David Hopkins, Louis Trauberg and A. W. Earle met at Dr. Wemmell's office. They declared they would stand by Mr. Colyer and force his recognition, in spite of Frank C. Lang, leader of their friends, the enemy.

Mr. Lang's friends base their opposition in the bank to Mr. Colyer on the allegation that somebody, at some time, somewhere, not a judgment for \$30 against him. He has a snug deposit in the bank.

NEW BROOKLYN "L" LOOP.

Used Yesterday for the First Time, It Proved a Success.

Passengers.

Under the disadvantages of rain, slippery tracks and men inexperienced with the new plan, the new loop of the Brooklyn Elevated Railroad, at the Brooklyn terminus of the Bridge, was used for the first time yesterday. At 5 o'clock the first train to pass around the new loop came from Lexington avenue. The passengers, not knowing of the change that had been made in the terminal facilities, were confused, and the guards and depot policemen were kept busy explaining the new arrangement. When they once realized what was going on, the new plan was greatly appreciated, as the new plan does away with the delays which were formerly unavoidable. Beside this, much of the crowding heretofore caused by the passengers in leaving the elevated trains for the Bridge cars is obviated.

The new loop, work upon which was completed late Saturday night, passes above the tracks of the Bridge trams and does away with the "stub" tracks which were formerly in use. It is a double track road, extending from the main line on Adams street along that to Sands street, where it joins the main track. Where the tracks cross the structure of the Bridge at Sands and High streets, three stations have been built. Of these one is on the outside, one on the inside of the loop, and the third between the tracks. The station between the tracks is to be used for the unloading of trains on both the outer and inner tracks. The inner track is for the sole use of the Fifth avenue and Coney Island trains. The outside track is for the Lexington avenue trains.

Trains running into the station now pass through the Bridge depot as they would any ordinary station on the line. This saves from three to four minutes in the handling of each train, and, according to the officials of the road, will improve the entire service proportionately, as it will allow of the running of more trains at much smaller headway than was possible with the old system of switching each train to the Bridge from one track to another.

Patrolman James A. Donlon, of the Grand Avenue Police Station, who occupies the third flat, heard the row. He ran downstairs to find out the cause of it. The moment he reached Mrs. Rodgers' landing a half dozen young men surrounded the officer and dragged him downstairs to the first floor.

The young men punched, kicked, knocked him down and dragged him into Mrs. Hart's parlor.

Patrolman Thomas McCauley, who was passing, heard the angry voices of the men and screams of the women. He grabbed two young men and brought them to the Grand Avenue Police Station. The others, Joseph Mulrennan, seventeen years, and William Vaughan, nineteen, of Flatbush, the prisoners were held and will be arraigned in the Court Street Police Court this morning on a charge of disorderly conduct and resisting an officer.

CANNOT GIVE THEM AWAY.

Long Island Farmers Dump Hundreds of Bushels of Potatoes in the Woods.

Eastport, L. I., June 14.—The farmers in this and adjoining villages are obliged to throw all their potatoes away that cellar rot may be found for the new crop that will be shortly brought in. Discouraged at the low prices (5 cents a bushel), at which they would be obliged to sell them should they seek a market, they were led to hold them in hopes that the prices might advance.

They were disappointed. Now they cannot even give them away. John Corwin carted from his house at Westhampton a few days ago 150 bushels and dumped them in the woods. H. J. Rogers offered to give the potatoes which filled his cellar to any one who would cart them away, but could not get any one to accept them.

Earl Won the Time Prize.

Charles Earl, of the Kings County Wheelmen, and holder of the State road records for five and ten miles, captured the time prize from scratch in the ten-mile handicap road race at Bay Ridge Saturday afternoon. The winner turned up in Allen of New Utrecht, who rode from the three-minute mark. The course was only a mile long, the riders being compelled to cover ten times, and that, together with strong wind and heavy dust, made the time appear very fast. Earl, of Couk was second and F. Flueger third.

STARTED WITH MUSIC, WOUND UP IN A FIGHT.

Mrs. Hart's Guests Would Sing and Mrs. Rodgers, on the Floor Above, Objected.

Policeman, Who Asked the Cause of the Trouble, Got Whipped for His Pains.

ANOTHER BLUE COAT CAPTURED TWO.

Taken to the Station House, They Tell of What a Good Time They Were Having When Their F. Activities Were Rudely Interrupted.

Mrs. Nellie Hart, of No. 1065 Pacific street, Brooklyn, threw open the doors of her flat Saturday night, and invited her friends to walk in, sing, dance and make merry.

Her generous invitation met with a hearty response, and her parlors were filled with young men and young women from all parts of the Ninth Ward.

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